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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**Final Effect of Designation of a Class of Employees for
Addition to the Special Exposure Cohort**

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HHS gives notice concerning the final effect of the HHS decision to designate a class of employees from the Battelle Laboratories King Avenue facility in Columbus, Ohio, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On March 6, 2013, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. §7384q(b), the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

All Atomic Weapons Employees who worked at the King Avenue facility owned by Battelle Laboratories in Columbus, Ohio, during the period from April 16, 1943, through June 30, 1956, for a number of work days

aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring either solely under this employment or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees included in the Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation became effective on April 5, 2013, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. §7384l(14)(C). Hence, beginning on April 5, 2013, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the SEC.

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